

IOWA UCR PROGRAM UPDATE

2021 FBI Data Deadline

The FBI deadline for 2021 crime data is **March 14, 2022**. By this date, agencies should achieve certification and submit 12 months of 2021 data. As a reminder, the FBI does not publish data from agencies unless it receives a complete year of data. The FBI also suppresses "questionable data." Agencies should submit data as soon as possible to ensure sufficient time exists to correct errors and warnings. Shortly after the FBI deadline, the Iowa UCR program will publish 2021 crime data via the [Crime In Iowa public portal](#).

Agencies that have not yet certified should do so no later than **February 28, 2022**. Agencies achieve certification after submitting three consecutive months of data with an error rate under four percent (within two or fewer submissions). This process, outlined in the [Iowa UCR Program Policy Manual](#), helps assure the receipt of complete and accurate crime data by the Iowa UCR program and FBI. Crime data from agencies that have not satisfied the certification requirements may be excluded from state and national publications. Agencies that believe they have met the criteria should contact the Iowa UCR program.

2022 Data Submissions

Per program policy, and to comply with [Iowa Code § 692.15](#), agencies should submit monthly crime data. Starting in 2022, data from the previous month should be submitted by the 15th day of the current month (i.e., January 2022 is due on February 15, 2022).

Agency Submission Guidelines are available within the Resources section of I-CRIME. Please review this document for information on file naming conventions, correcting errors, etc. As indicated in the document, agencies submitting via file uploads should process no more than two files per month.

Homicide Offenses

Due to the relatively low number of reported homicides and the seriousness of the offenses, the Iowa UCR program requests that agencies carefully review homicide data. A Homicide Offenses Reporting Guide, available in the I-CRIME Resources section, provides definitions for the homicide offenses of 09A Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter, 09B Negligent Manslaughter, and 09C Justifiable Homicide. Agencies report these offenses based upon the provided definitions and not the findings of a court or coroner's inquest.

All homicides must be completed (i.e., result in death). Agencies should report attempted homicides as completed 13A Aggravated Assaults - it artificially increases the number and rate of attempted offenses to report them as homicides and not assaults.

Agencies maintain responsibility for reporting all homicides within their jurisdiction. As an assisting agency, the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) does not report to the Iowa UCR program.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at loynacha@dps.state.ia.us or (515) 725-6251.

